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2. A post of Joint Director was created during the year in order that the livestock work in the Department might receive its due attention. The officer posted took charge on the 1st October 1947. No appreciable work was done by the Department during the year to improve livestock.

3. Two new Veterinary institutions were opened during the year one at Arkonam and the other at Pithapuram. The total number of veterinary institutions at the end of the year stood at 138 excluding the two institutions under private management. No new touring billet was opened during the year. The Touring Veterinary Assistant Surgeons at Musiri and Perambalur have been instructed as an experimental measure to open a small dispensary at their headquarters. The demand for more institutions continues to be great but nothing more has been possible on account of shortage of technical staff.

4. The disease position was on the whole slightly better than in the previous year, the number of outbreaks being 5,330 against 5,465 in 1946-47. Rinderpest was prevalent in all but 6 districts, namely, Bellary, Anantapur, Salem, Coimbatore, Madras and South Kanara. Haemorrhagic Scepticoemia and Blackquarter prevailed in all districts except the City of Madras. Anthrax was reported from all districts except Anantapur. Foot and Mouth disease was prevalent in all districts except Chingleput, South Arcot, Tiruchirappalli, Tanjore, Ramnad and Madras City. The disease was severe in Kurnool, Anantapur and Vizagapatam.

5. The steps taken in 1946-47 to increase the number of admissions to the Veterinary College by abolition of tuition fees, increase of the number and amount of scholarships and the revision of the scale of pay of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons have borne fruit. The number of students in the B.V.Sc. degree course and stockmen compounders' course went up to 299 from 216 in the previous year. Even so, there is not likely to be sufficient veterinary assistance in rural areas and in order to supply this want the Government have since instituted during this year a Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors' Course of two years at the college in the place of the Stockmen Compounders' Course and provided for the training of 75 students a year in it. The first batch of successful students will come out in 1950.

6. The Serum Institute has at last been provided with its own buildings on extensive grounds at Ranipet and it is now possible to manufacture all biological products required by the Department in this institute.

7. The Provincial Livestock Improvement Board continued to advise the Government on subjects relating to the improvement of livestock and met four times during the year.

8. The position in regard to breeding bulls showed an improvement, there being 1122 approved bulls and 356 buffalo bulls against 970 and 319 during 1946-47. The number of services increased from 42,430 and 13,737 in 1946-47 to 43,859 and 17,411 in 1947-48.

The number of one day cattle shows increased from 60 to 70. There was, however, a decline in the activities of the Kangayam and Anchetti breeding societies.

9. The future programme of work is mentioned in section XII of the report. As already mentioned, a veterinary-cum-livestock Inspectors' course has been introduced to make veterinary aid more easy in rural areas. A scheme for the prevention of contagious diseases coming from the adjacent Provinces is under consideration. Sanction has been accorded for running a breeding-cum-dairy farm at Vizagapatam. A beginning has been made for breeding the fine wool sheep of the Nilgiris and land has been allotted for the purpose on the Wenlock Downs. A combined sheep and cattle farm is being brought into working condition at Kurikuppi in the Bellary district. A milk plan for Madras City has been received. Schemes are under preparation for more cattle and sheep breeding, poultry and dairy farms.

The Government expect intensification of efforts during the current year particularly in regard to the improvement of the good breeds of cattle - the organisation of cattle breeding co-operative societies and the establishment of cattle breeding farms at the rate of one for every two or three districts.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

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